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**TELEPHONE MAIN 661.**  
Official paper of Clatsop county and the City of Astoria.

men. He is about to open a shop for the sale of his American wares. The experiment will be watched with interest. It is just possible that national pride will operate against the success of the Brooklynite's project. On the other hand, it is quite likely that the enterprising optician will be afforded an opportunity to prove his claims in a land where a vast number of persons are compelled to use glasses. Whether or not American eyeglasses are found superior to the European product, the incident calls attention to the wonderful strides made in foreign markets by American manufacturers within recent years, which has been accomplished by energetic commercial warriors of the type of the Brooklyn optician.

**MUNICIPAL PRESS AGENTS.**

Unless the signs of the times are misleading, the coming generation is likely to read the following on the official municipal ballots:

For Press Agent—John Imagination. Of course the name may contain fewer letters, but the characters will probably mean the same thing. To those who may be inclined to deny the possibility it may be pointed out that evidence is multiplying that the municipal press agent is no longer a fad. He is a municipal ornament of importance. He is growing in dignity and power. From Boston, unquestionably the home of culture in the east, comes convincing testimony. It has surrendered to the publicity promoter. Only the other day did this advertisement in bold-faced type appear: "Now is the time to visit Boston and see the most beautiful summer city on the Atlantic coast to the best advantage. All the world is invited to come to Boston's old home week summer carnival. Something doing every minute for seven days—City of Boston Publicity and Information Bureau."

Surely it must appear that the municipal press agent will soon be entitled to a place on the city ticket. And perhaps it is proper that Presidential candidates and theatrical enterprises should not be permitted to monopolize the activities of a body of energetic brain workers. Boston's surrender may be accounted an important victory for the publicity promoter.

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

It is well enough to dwell on the fact that four per cent of the Swiss marriages lead to divorce, but it would be equally interesting to know what per cent of divorces lead back to marriage. Divorcing gets to be a mere habit sometimes.

It may be timely to remind the excitable that it takes more than an Armenian fanatic and a drink-crazed bankrupt to inaugurate "a reign of lawlessness" on Union Square and Fifth Avenue.

Lecturer Tillman says Lecturer Bryan lacks fine, tactful judgment. But the public regards the one as precisely as good a judge of gate receipts as the other.

Speaking of Bryan's continued candidacy a South Carolina paper says: "There seems to be no deliverance from this body of death." A timely notification of the coroner might help.

All seems quiet on the Potomac, but six divisions of those yellow war dogs have been pulled back from the Japanese seat of war to the North Carolina campaign.

Missouri's crops in general promise to be larger than the average, without including the 20 Democratic candidates for governor, with more blowing in.

When those new consular regulations are promulgated we shall know how to fly the American flag in a foreign land. Meanwhile fly it according to Pole.

Even the best of us may paint things darker than they are. Knox says the President pitches hay.

Bill Ward says: "The settlement of the telegraphers' strike may easily be styled 'The call of the wires.'"

**HAD AN AWFUL TIME.**

But Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Cured Him.

It is with pleasure that I give you this unsolicited testimonial. About a year ago when I had a severe case of measles I got caught out in a hard rain and the measles settled in my stomach and bowels. I had an awful time and had it not been for the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, I could not have possibly lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy I am now strong and well. I have written the above through simple gratitude and I shall always speak a good word for this remedy.—Sam H. Gwin, Concord, Ga. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

**WILL OPEN MINES**

Rates Will be Advantageous to California Shippers.

**SANTA FE HAS LOWER RATES**

In Conjunction With Tonopah And Tidewater Railroad Rates Will Be Adjusted And Submitted To Interstate Commerce Commission.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.—The Santa Fe, in conjunction with the Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad, is preparing to open up a California business with the Nevada mining country and to that end is preparing freight rates which will be ready to the advantage of California shippers in competition with these sending in supplies from Salt Lake and other cities.

"The Santa Fe is now figuring on a traffic proposition," announced Edward Chambers, assistant traffic manager of the company yesterday. "The purpose is to connect San Francisco, Oakland and other shipping points in this part of the state directly by rail with Bullfrog, Rhyolite, Goldfield, Greenwater and other Nevada mining sections. We are preparing rates in conjunction with the Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad, with which we connect at Ludlow. As soon as our schedule is perfected, it is to be submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission for approval."

**PALACE OF PEACE.**

THE HAGUE, August 1.—The foundation stone of the Andrew Carnegie palace of peace was laid this afternoon at Zorghvliet, in the midst of the wooded park stretching from The Hague to Scheveningen, by M. Nelidoff, president of the second peace conference.

**JAPS DISBAND COREANS.**

Surround Garrison And Train Machine Guns On Sally Ports.

SEOUL, Corea, Aug. 1.—At 10 o'clock last night Japanese troops surrounded the Korean barracks after an imperial proclamation had been issued disbanding the Korean army composed of seven thousand men. Several hundred Koreans, gathered at the Great Bell during a thunderstorm, were dispersed by a company of Japanese soldiers.

The outlets from the Coivan army barracks are guarded by machine guns. Two thousand of the Seoul garrison will be disbanded and disbanded today. The proclamation disbanding the troops says that the disbanded soldiers will be granted one year's pay. The Emperor's bodyguard will not be disbanded.

**LOCOMOTIVE BOILER EXPLODES.**

Killed Three Men Of Train Crew And Engineer Will Die.

BRECKENRIDGE, Mo., Aug. 1.—Three men were killed and a fourth is dying as a result of the blowing up of Burlington locomotive No. 21, drawing a freight train one and three fourths miles east of here last night. The dead are: Milburn Hall brakeman, Patrick Brewer, fireman, and a student fireman whose name is not known.

The engineer who is dying, is Samuel Roberts. The explosion was heard three miles away. What is left of the boiler of the engine is in a ditch on one side of the track and the trucks in a field on the other side. Four cars were derailed and that nearest the engine was badly smashed.

**EN ROUTE TO CARLSBAD.**

PARIS, August 1.—Ambassador White and son left today for Carlsbad where Mr. White will take the cure.

The bites and stings of insects, sunburn, cuts, burns and bruises relieved at once with Pinesalve Carbollized. Acts like a poultice. Draws out inflammation. Try it. Price 25c. Sold by Frank Hart's Drug Store.

**WIRELESS OUTFITS FOR TRAINS.**

BERLIN, August 1.—American railway trains may soon be equipped with wireless telegraphic outfits, enabling them to communicate with each other while flying at express speed. The invention of a new system of wireless telegraphy by a German engineer named Heinicke is expected to accomplish this result.

Heinicke is said to be negotiating with one of the great American railways system for the installation of his device, but the name of the company is kept secret.

Heinicke's method, greatly simplifying the method of sending wireless messages, makes the adoption of wireless to railway trains possible. The principal feature of his apparatus is its "tabloid" size.

Both the transmitter and receiver can be packed in a case weighing 20 kilograms, and can easily be carried on a man's back. An entire wireless station outfit weighs only 70 kilograms, and costs about \$1500. Messages can be sent by the apparatus over a radius of 50 miles.

The wireless system of Heinicke is also applicable for war purposes. It is believed it will prove especially useful for military scouting expeditions. Three men can transport a station any distance and it can be set up ready for use in eight minutes.

**LETTER THREATENS LEOPOLD.**

ANTWERP, August 1.—The police are taking special precautions to protect King Leopold during his visit to the new harbor works here owing to his majesty receiving aboard his yacht Alberta an anonymous letter threatening his life.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Better Than Three Doctors.

"Three years ago we had three doctors with our little boy and everything that they could do seemed in vain. At last when all hope seemed to be gone we began using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and in a few hours he began to improve. Today he is as healthy a child as parents could wish for."—Mary B. J. Johnston, Linton, Miss. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

**DECLARE DIVIDEND.**

NEW YORK, August 1.—The directors of the U. S. Steel Corporation today declared the regularly quarterly dividend of one-half of one per cent on common stock and 1 3/4 per cent on the preferred stock.

**SHORT TALKS BY L. T. COOPER.**

**IMPURE BLOOD.**

If you could see inside the stomachs of most people who suffer from impure blood you would wonder that they are not suffering worse. The undigested portion of food eaten, days ago is still lying there, fermenting, decaying and clogging the intestines.

From this disgusting mass the blood must derive nourishment to carry to every organ of the body. Think of it! Is it any wonder their complexion is bad, their breath offensive, their bowels inactive and their health impaired in every way? Is it any wonder that they can get no relief from blood purifiers, purgatives when as fast as the blood is cleansed it is tainted again? Try a rational treatment. Take something to help the stomach rid itself of this stagnant mass and to keep it from accumulating. Then see if you don't improve. One bottle of Cooper's New Discovery will prove my words to you. I have seen hundreds of just such cases and here's one of them:

"About a year ago my little son, who is nearly four years of age, suffered an attack of scarlet fever. Soon after he contracted what we thought was some form of eczema. Sores and blotches broke out on him and he became weak and peevish." "We tried physicians and medicines but nothing seemed to help him until several weeks ago we started to give him Cooper's New Discovery and noticed an improvement almost immediately. After a few doses we noticed his appetite was better and gradually his little face assumed a brighter appearance. His skin is now cleared up and I want to thank you sincerely for what the medicine has done for him." Mrs. Herman Hahn, 823 Johnson St., Nashville, Tenn.

Ask us about Mr. Cooper's famous medicines. We are the agents.

**Charles Rogers**

**Naval Battles Won by Tidal Waves.**



By **NIKOLA TESLA.**  
Famous Electrician.

A NOVEL engine of war—a vessel of any kind, submarine or aerial—carrying an agent of unlimited potency of destruction, WITH NO SOUL ON BOARD, yet capable of doing all it is designed for, as fully equipped with a fearless crew in command of its captain, must needs bring on a revolution in the present means of attack and defense.

The time is not far distant when all the tremendous wastes of war will be stopped, and then if there are battles they will be fought with water power and electrical waves.

Everything points to the development of a small vessel with internal combustion engines, extreme speed and few weapons of great destructiveness. But the new leviathan is admirably adapted to the practical requirements of the day. In attack it could alone annihilate a nation's fleet. It is equally effective in defense. If equipped with proper acoustic and electrical appliances it has little to fear from a submarine, and an ordinary torpedo will scarcely hurt it. That is why the first of these monsters, built in England, has been named Dreadnought. Now, there is a novel means for attacking a fortress of this kind, from shore or on the high seas, against which all its gun power and armor resistance are of no avail. IT IS THE TIDAL WAVE.

Such a wave can be produced with twenty or thirty tons of cheap explosive, carried to its destination and ignited by a noninterferable telautomaton.

IT IS FUTILE TO CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF AN ERUPTION OF 300,000 TONS OF NITROGLYCERIN COMPOUND ON A VESSEL SITUATED NEAR BY, HOWEVER LARGE. THE ENTIRE NAVY OF A GREAT COUNTRY, IF MASSES AROUND, WOULD BE DESTROYED.

But it is instructive to inquire what such a wave could do to a battleship of the Dreadnought type at a considerable distance from its origin. A simple calculation will show that when the outer circle has expanded to three-quarters of a mile the swell, about 1,250 feet long, still would be more than 100 feet in height from crest to normal sea level, and when the circle is one and one-quarter miles in diameter the vertical distance from crest to trough will be OVER 100 FEET.

The first impact of the water will produce pressures of three tons per square foot, which all over the exposed surface of, say, 20,000 square feet may amount to 60,000 tons, eight times the force of the recoil of the broadside. THE FIRST IMPACT MAY IN ITSELF BE FATAL. During more than ten seconds the vessel will be entirely submerged and finally dropped into the hollow from a height of about seventy-five feet, the descent being effected more or less like a free fall.

IT THEN WILL SINK FAR BELOW THE SURFACE, NEVER TO RISE.

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**ANOTHER AMERICAN INVASION.**

Additional cause for alarm over the growing American invasion into European commercial fields is told in cables from Berlin. A Brooklyn optician went to the German capital recently and promptly informed the community that American spectacles are far superior to the lenses made by their own country.